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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Inventors: Shigefumi MASUDA
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Serial No.: 09/589,142

Filed: June 7, 2000

Title: **DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCING CONFLUENCE NOISE**

Examiner: Nathan A. Sloan

Group Art Unit: 2614

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeal from the final rejection dated April 7, 2004, of non-allowed claims 1 - 15.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate

1. (X) An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was requested on September 7, 2004 for two (2) months.)
2. (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.)

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3. (x) Fee - \$340.00.

(x) A petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is enclosed.

(x) Charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1290 (one additional copy of this Notice is enclosed herewith).

(x) Enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for this Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

() Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)

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Respectfully submitted,



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